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In re Application of:

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Serial No: 08/526,433

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Title:

METHOD OF PREVENTING
COMBUSTION BY APPLYING
AN AQUEOUS SUPERABSORBENT
POLYMER COMPOSITION; AND FIRE
RETARDANT ARTICLE INCLUDING
SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER

Group Art Unit: 1314

Examiner: J. Bell

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated
September 30, 1996, Applicants hereby elect the invention
represented by the claims of Group I (claims 1-19) with traverse.

It is submitted that all claims 1-31 should be examined
on their merits at this time since the use of superabsorbent
polymer to shield a combustible object from combusting is
inherent in both groups of claims.

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It is submitted that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and all claims (1-31) examined on their merits at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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